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Docket No. GC 516-2

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Serial No.: 09/284,327)

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Encoding Such Enzymes and Methods)
for Producing Such Enzymes)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 11) mailed April 24, 2003 in the above-identified patent application where the Examiner has required restriction among the following groups:

Group I, Claims 1-13 and 24-29, drawn to an enzyme comprising Asn-Asn-(Leu/Phe/Lys/Ile)-Trp-Gly, 4 uses of the enzyme and a detergent comprising the enzyme;

Group II, Claims 1-13 and 24-29, drawn to an enzyme comprising Glu-(Leu/Phe/Ile)-Met-Ile-Trp, 4 uses of the enzyme and a detergent comprising the enzyme;

Group III, Claims 1-13 and 24-29, drawn to an enzyme comprising Gly-Thr-Glu-Pro-Phe-Thr, 4 uses of the enzyme and a detergent comprising the enzyme;

Group IV, Claims 1-13 and 24-29, drawn to an enzyme comprising (Ser/Tyr/Cys/Trp/Thr/Asn/Lys/Arg)-(Val/Pro)-(Lys/Ala)-(Ser/Ala)-(Tyr/Phe), 4 uses of the enzyme and a detergent comprising the enzyme;

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